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WASHINGTON, March 26, 1992 -- Cumulative ton-miles on Class I railroads in 1992 have continuously outperformed ton-miles recorded for the same periods of last year, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. Every week of 1992 has seen an increase in cumulative ton-miles over 1991. Cumulative ton-miles for the first 12 weeks of 1992 totaled 245.2 billion, up 4.5 percent from 1991. Estimated Class I ton-miles for the week ending March 21 were 21.2 billion, 6.5 percent over the same period of 1991.

The railroads reporting account for about 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 21 totaled 329,116, up 3.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1991 and up 2.7 percent from the preceding week. Carloadings originated were up 3.1 percent in the East and up 3.8 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 126,618 trailers and containers, up 9.0 percent from 1991. The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 12 weeks of 1992 was 1,453,639 trailers and containers, 4.9 percent above the comparable 1991 total.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 21, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING MARCH 21, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	30,730	29,109	5.6 %	29,352	4.7 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,735	1,337	29.8	1,704	1.8
Metallic Ores	13,873	13,262	4.6	11,856	17.0
Coal	123,008	124,804	-1.4	123,063	0.0
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	11,837	11,742	0.8	11,276	5.0
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,568	7,796	9.9	8,201	4.5
Grain Mill Products	10,105	10,128	-0.2	9,941	1.6
Food & Kindred Products	9,081	9,008	0.8	9,293	-2.3
Primary Forest Products	9,443	9,338	1.1	8,865	6.5
Lumber & Wood Products	6,194	5,679	9.1	6,137	0.9
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,352	10,325	0.3	10,313	0.4
Chemicals	30,272	28,631	5.7	28,923	4.7
Petroleum Products	4,901	4,490	9.2	5,032	-2.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,206	8,851	4.0	8,650	6.4
Coke	5,268	4,482	17.5	5,104	3.2
Metals & Products	10,479	8,842	18.5	9,788	7.1
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	19,187	15,528	23.6	17,877	7.3
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,598	8,239	4.4	8,498	1.2
All Other Carloads	6,279	6,552	-4.2	6,561	-4.3
Total	**329,116**	**318,143**	**3.4 %**	**320,434**	**2.7 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING MARCH 21, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 12 WEEKS ENDING MARCH 21, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	329,116	318,143	3.4 %	3,809,222	3,747,480	1.6 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	62,000	60,660	2.2	708,206	719,752	-1.6
Containers	64,618	55,546	16.3	745,433	666,612	11.8
Total	126,618	116,206	9.0	1,453,639	1,386,364	4.9
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	21.2	19.9	6.5 %	245.2	234.7	4.5 %

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 12, 1992 - EJE & PLE.

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